

As a licensed amateur, WB4ONA, I am strongly opposed to the restrictions in innovation and increased cost that would result from this proposed rule-making.

As a degreed Electrical Engineer with over 20 years of experience with electronic communications equipment of nearly all types I can testify that mandating the inclusion of additional sockets and connectors in amateur radio equipment in order to facilitate field repair by the operator will in-fact result in equipment that is less reliable overall due to the inherent weakness introduced by said connectors and sockets.

Allowing manufacturer's to build equipment using industry standard method will result in smaller, more robust, and affordable equipment thereby enhancing amateur radio's ability to support our national communications infrastructure.